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SUBJECT: LETHAL GAS EXPLOSION IN LOMBARDY

REF: MANNIELLO/SPIELMAN TELECON, 8/6/76; STATE 195888

1. SCICOUNS MET WITH MINISTRY OF HEALTH PERSONNEL TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT ON AUGUST 7. HE MENTIONED ITALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON'S NEED FOR "DIRECT COMMUNICATION FROM GOI CONCERNING PLANS FOR TELECAST AND ROLE TO BE PLAYED BY EMBASSY." MINISTRY OFFICIALS ADVISED US THAT FUNDING WOULD BE HANDLED BY GOI. WE WERE ALSO TOLD THAT ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS OF RAI WERE DELAYING TELECAST.

2. THE ITALIANS REITERATED THEIR KEEN INTEREST IN HAVING MEDLINE AND TOXLINE IN ITALY. SCICOUNS REPEATED INFORMATION ON MECHANICS OF PARTICIPATION WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED FROM DR. MARY CORNING OF NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE AT BETHESDA. MINISTER DEL FALCO HAS NOW REQUESTED THAT DR. ALAN POLAND OF THE UNIV OF ROCHESTER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, DEPT OF PHARMACOLOGY, PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING AT MILAN ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 10 TO DISCUSS THE LETHAL GAS PROBLEM. SCICOUNS THEN CONTACTED DR. POLAND AND EXTENDED INVITATION FROM MINISTER DEL FALCO AND BRIEFED HIM ON SUBJECT. SCICOUNS REQUESTED THAT DR. POLAND CLEAR HIS TRIP WITH DR. HERBERT SPIELMAN OF OES/SCI.

3. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP OF DECISION ON DR. POLAND'S TRIP AND IF AFFIRMATIVE, FLIGHT NUMBER AND TIME OF ARRIVAL.

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